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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the requirement for an election of species set forth in the Office Action mailed April 13, 2006, Applicant hereby provisionally elects, without traverse, Species III, claims 3, 14, 15, 22-28, and 32-34, for continued examination, if no generic claims are finally held to be allowable.

Claims 1-51 are pending in the application. The Examiner has required restriction between Species I (Fig. 6, Fig. 33, Fig. 34, Fig. 35), Species II (Fig. 7, Fig. 30, Fig. 31, Fig. 32), Species III (Fig. 10, Fig. 11, Fig. 12, Fig. 22, Fig. 23, Fig. 24), Species IV (Fig. 9, Fig. 13, Fig. 14, Fig. 25, Fig. 26, Fig. 27), Species V (Fig. 15, Fig. 16, Fig. 37), and Species VI (Fig. 37, where the incident second beam is converging).

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